

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1403 - SB 1818**

February 23, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Permits eligible individuals to register and also cast their ballot on Election Day.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Expenditures – \$360,000/Every Two Years\***

Assumptions:

- According to the State Coordinator of Elections, permitting voters to register to vote and to cast a ballot on Election Day could result in long lines and waiting periods which would necessitate the hiring of additional poll workers.
- In order to handle the additional paperwork (completing a voter registration form, verification of identification of voter, verification that voter has not already voted in another county, entering voter data into the system database, and allowing the voter to cast a ballot), it is estimated that an average of one additional poll worker would be required to work in each precinct on Election Day.
- Larger precincts could require more than one additional poll worker and some smaller precincts may not require additional assistance.
- There are 2,250 precincts statewide.
- The average compensation of a poll worker is \$80 per day.
- There are two regularly scheduled elections every two years.
- The estimated cost of hiring additional poll workers for two elections every two years is \$360,000 [(2,250 precincts x \$80 a day = \$180,000) x every two years = \$360,000].

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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